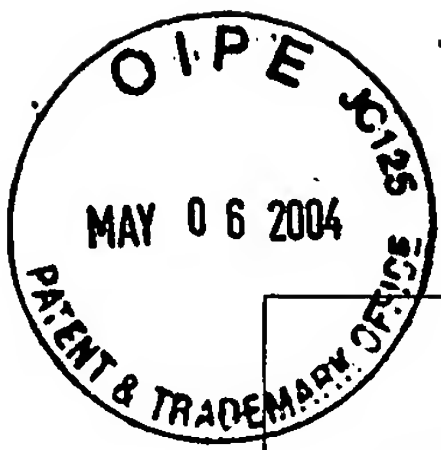


<b>DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)</b>	Attorney Docket No.	0191.02
	First Inventor	Julie M. Tarara et al.
	Title	Apparatus and Method for Measuring the Mass of Vegetation or Fruit Supported on a Trellis
	Express Mail No. Date	
Title of Invention		Apparatus and Method for Measuring the Mass of Vegetation or Fruit Supported on a Trellis
As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:		
This declaration is directed to:		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application No. 10/635,978 , filed on August 7, 2003		
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I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;		
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;		
I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.		
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Inventor Five: Gary M. Hyde	Citizen of: US	
Signature:	Date:	
Inventor Six: Robert L. Wample	Citizen of: US	
Signature:	Date:	
Inventor Seven: Andre L. Baritelle	Citizen of: US	
Signature: Andre L. Baritelle	Date: January 5 2004	
Inventor Eight:	Citizen of:	
Signature:	Date:	
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Application Number	10/635,978
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First Named Inventor	Julie M. Tarara et al.
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Name	Andre L. Baritelle
Signature	<i>Andre L. Baritelle</i>
Date	January 5 2004

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**STATEMENT FROM INVENTOR**  
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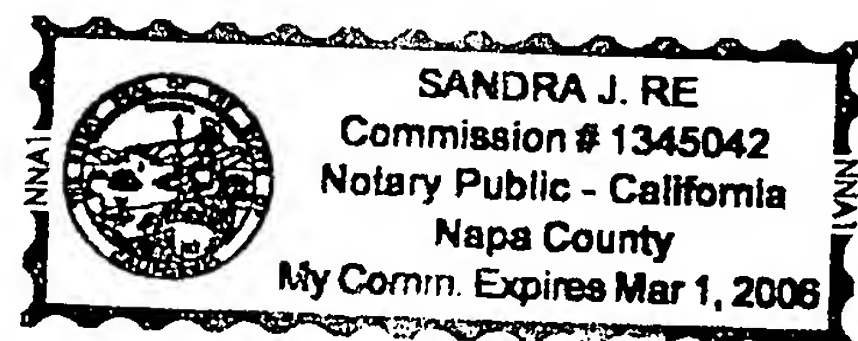
Sir:

I, Andre L. Baritelle, do hereby affirm that on my part there was no deceptive intention in the inadvertent omission of my name as an original inventor of the above-identified application. Upon examination of the above-identified application, laboratory records and communications with counsel, it was concluded that I had contributed significantly to the invention as presently claimed and was, in fact, a co-inventor.

4/23/04  
Date

Andre Baritelle  
Andre L. Baritelle

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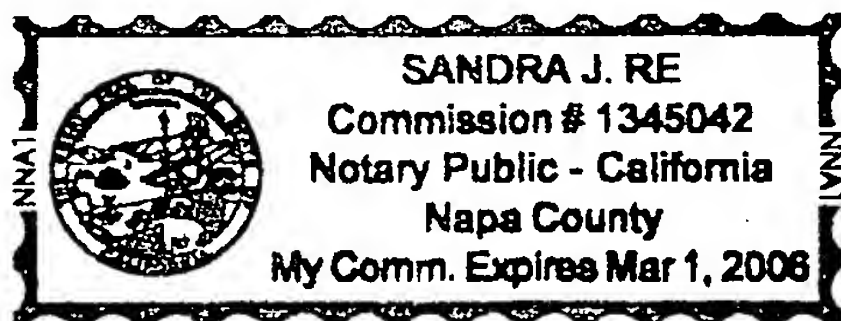
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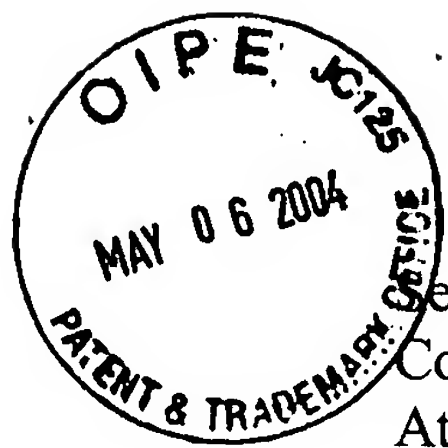
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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO THE ADDITION OF A CO-INVENTOR**

The Assignee of record for the above-identified application, The United States of America, as Represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, hereby consents to the addition of Andre L. Baritelle as a co-inventor of said application.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The United States of America, as represented by the  
Secretary of Agriculture

By

DAVID R. NICHOLSON  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 38,981

Enclosures

Relevant CFR sections

Memo from the Administrator to the Assistant Administrator

Memo from the Assistant Administrator delegating signing authority to the Attorney of Record/Patent Advisors to sign on behalf of the Assignee.

### **Source of David R. Nicholson's authority to sign on behalf of USDA**

1. At 7 CFR 2.106(a)(58), the Assistant Secretary for Research and Education, USDA, delegated to the Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service the authority to administer the USDA's Patent Program except as delegated to the General Counsel in 7 CFR 2.31(g).
2. On March 31, 1988, the ARS Administrator delegated to the Assistant Administrator (for Technology Transfer), ARS the authority to manage a Patent Program for ARS.
3. On October 27, 2003, the Assistant Administrator, ARS, delegated to David R. Nicholson authority to grant Power of Attorney, on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, in U.S., international, and other patent applications.

The relevant CFR sections, the memo from the Administrator to the Assistant Administrator, and the memo from the Assistant Administrator delegating authority to the Patent Advisors (David R. Nicholson) are attached.





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7 CFR 2.106

§ 2.106 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to § 2.30 (a), (c), and (g), subject to reservations in § 2.30a, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Science and Education to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service:

(1) Coordinate USDA policy relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.) and coordinate the Department's integrated pest management programs and the pesticide assessment program (7 U.S.C. 136-136y).

(2) Conduct research related to the economic feasibility of the manufacture and commercialization of natural rubber from hydrocarbon-containing plants (7 U.S.C. 178-178n).

(3) Conduct research on the control of undesirable species of honeybees in cooperation with specific foreign governments (7 U.S.C. 284).

(4) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(5) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and to the dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(6) Conduct research and demonstrations at Mandan, ND, and Lewisburg, TN, related to dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of the dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421-422).

(7) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423-424).

(8) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than

Operations, and the General Counsel prior to issuance.

(58) Administer the Department's Patent Program except as delegated to the General Counsel in § 2.31(g).

(59) Provide management support services for the National Agricultural Library as agreed upon by the agencies with authority to take actions required by law or regulation. As used herein, the term management support services includes budget, finance, personnel, procurement, property management, communications, paperwork management, ADP support, and related administrative services.

(60) With respect to land and facilities under the Administrator's authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order No. 12580 (3 CFR, 1987 comp., p. 193) under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601 et. seq.):

(i) Section 104 (a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604 (a), (b), and (c) (4)), with respect to removal and other remedial action in the event of the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment.

(ii) Section 104 (e) through (h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)-(h)), with respect to information gathering and access; compliance orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards; rates for wages and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers.

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure that presents a significant risk to human health.

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action.

(v) Section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release.

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress.

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations and the granting of awards to individuals providing information.

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action.



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7 CFR 2.31

§ 2.31 Delegation of authority to the General Counsel.

The General Counsel, as the chief law officer of the Department, is legal adviser to the Secretary and other officials of the Department and responsible for providing legal services for all the activities of the Department. The delegations of authority by the Secretary of Agriculture to the General Counsel include the following:

(a) Consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, (28 U.S.C. 2671-2680), and the regulations of the Attorney General contained in 28 CFR part 14.

(b) Determine, settle, and pay claims submitted by employees of the Department under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act of 1964, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3721).

(c) Certify documents as true copies of those on file in the Department.

(d) Sign releases of claims of the United States against private persons for damage to or destruction of property of the department, except those claims cognizable under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Responsible for the overall management and operation of the Law Library, furnishing complete legal and legislative library services to the Office of the General Counsel and the Department.

(g) Make determinations as to whether employees of the Department may retain commercial rights in inventions; prepare patent applications and prosecute the same before the Patent Office.

(h) Represent the Department in formal rulemaking and adjudicatory proceedings held in connection with the administration of the Department's activities, and decide whether initial decisions of the administrative law judges shall be appealed by the Department to the Secretary.



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SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Manage the  
Patent Program and to Administer the  
USDA Patent License Program

TO: W. H. Tallent  
Assistant Administrator, ARS

FROM: T. B. Kinney, Jr.  
Administrator

Pursuant to the delegations of authorities and reservations of authorities issued by the Assistant Secretary for Science and Education to the Administrator, ARS, DR 1030-1, Section 2.106(a)(44), the addressee is hereby delegated authority to manage a Patent Program for ARS and to administer a Patent License Program for the Department.

This delegation includes the responsibility for acquisition, promotion, and licensing of Department patents; authority for the custody transfer of domestic and foreign patent rights for the purpose of granting foreign and/or exclusive licenses; and authority to make final determination on ARS patent title.

Nothing in this delegation precludes the Administrator from exercising any of the authorities herein delegated, and this delegation is subject at all times to withdrawal or amendment.

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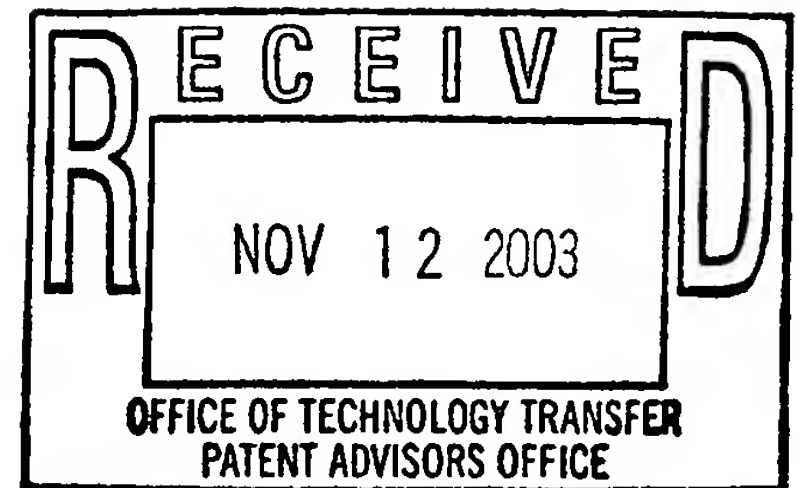
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United States Department of Agriculture

Research, Education, and Economics  
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October 27, 2003

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that the following Patent Advisors have been authorized to sign Powers of Attorney regarding U.S., international and other patent applications on behalf of the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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